

Application No. 10/820,790
Reply to Election/Restriction requirement of Sep 22, 2008

Response Dated 01/22/2009

REMARKS

This case has been reviewed in light of the election/restriction requirement dated September 22, 2008, wherein claims 1, 2, 5-15, 17-29 and 31-38 were identified as Species 1, while claims 3, 4, 16 and 30 were identified as Species 2.

Applicants elect species 1 without traverse. Applicants note claims 5-14, 17-28 and 31-38 are multiple dependent claims. Accordingly, applicants elect Species 1 as provided by the Examiner to include claims 1, 2, 5-15, 17-29 and 31-38. Applicants reserve the right to pursue prosecution of claims 3, 4, 5-14, 16-28 and 30-38.

Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 5-15, 17-29 and 31-38 are now pending in this application, while claims 3, 4, 16 and 30 stand withdrawn.

Applicant further notes that although Species 1 has been elected, it is not clear to the Applicant from the Office Action discussion as to which specific characteristics of the two identified species were held to be mutually exclusive, or as to which different classes/subclasses would have been applicable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant at the telephone number below.

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